

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CONGESTION ON HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per a recent report road length of highways is increasing at only 4.01 per cent whereas freight volume is increasing at 9.08 per cent and vehicles are growing at 10.76 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the paucity of road space to accommodate vehicles and overspeeding is one of the major reasons for congestion on highways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to address these problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) As per available information, during 2010-11, there was no increase in the length of National Highways, while the annual growth rate of State Highways, freight volume carried by road transport and registered motor vehicles were 2.3%, 10.1% and 11% respectively.

(c) to (e) As regards reason for congestion on highways, it is a phenomenon common on urban roads. Development and maintenance of National Highways is the responsibility of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. Augmentation of national highways is a continuous process and highways are upgraded depending on inter-se priority, connectivity, traffic and availability of resources. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken up ambitious programmes of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) to add on national highways. Road projects are monitored at various levels from time to time for their speedy implementation.